

CC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170 and NSD File No. L-00-72.

I am opposed to the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund. I urge you to carefully consider the impact this would have on consumers before changing the current system. Charging \$1 or more per month regardless of how much or how little we use our phone is not fair. The proposal to move the USF to a number-based flat fee will greatly increase the cost of phone service and it could impact consumers' ability to afford landline and/or wireless service.

The USF was created to make phone service affordable in rural America and was updated to increase the availability of communication services to schools, libraries, rural health centers, educational institutions and low-income individuals in the United States. Now you are considering changing it to what I think is an unfair plan, charging everybody \$1 dollar or more per month regardless of how much or how little they use their wireless or landline phone for interstate calls.

The proposed change is especially unfair for low-volume users that rely on wireless service for safety and security, and who make few, if any, long distance calls. A contribution system is fair, equitable and nondiscriminatory and should be left alone. Please do not penalize wireless phone customers. Keep this fair. Americans don't pay a blanket income tax on our annual salaries nor do we have the same sales tax on a pack of gum and an automobile, so why should there be a "one size fits all" charge for wireless phones?

Thank you.